

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The final office action (hereinafter "Action") of October 31, 2005, and the Advisory Action of December 27, 2005, have been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. These remarks are filed concurrent with a Request for Continued Examination. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3, 16-17, 21, 30, and 32 have been amended. Claims 1-7 and 16-33 remain pending in this application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in the telephonic interview on January 19, 2006. Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 16-17, 21, 30, and 32 in accordance with the interview. From that conversation, the Examiner agreed that the applied references at least do not teach or suggest each of the features of Applicants' independent claims.

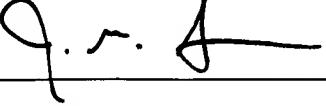
Claims 1-7, 16-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,652,837 to Warchol et al. ("Warchol") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,537,099 to Liang ("Liang"). In accordance with the agreement of the Examiner, the combination of Warchol and Liang fails to teach or suggest each and every feature of Applicants' amended independent claims 1, 16, 21, and 30. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the present rejection.

Claims 2-7, 17-20, 22-29, and 31-33, which ultimately depend from claims 1, 16, 21, and 30, respectively, are allowable for the same reasons as their ultimate base claims and further in view of the advantageous features recited therein.

All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,
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